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THQ To Develop Two Titles for Mac/IBM PC Based on Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo*

Games Scheduled For Release With The Animated Feature In May 2003

CALABASAS HILLS, CA - January 7, 2003 - THQ® Inc. (NASDAQ: THQ) today announced that it is currently developing two titles for Mac/IBM PC based on Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo*, scheduled for release concurrent with its theatrical debut on May 30, 2003. THQ's interactive adventures based, on *Finding Nemo*, are the first under the Company's exclusive, multi-property publishing agreement with award-winning interactive entertainment publisher Disney Interactive and the Academy Award®-winning Pixar Animation Studio.

"Pixar's track record of animated films has demonstrated the successful translation of creative technology and humor into blockbuster animated motion pictures including Disney/Pixar's *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life*, *Toy Story 2*, and, most recently, *Monsters, Inc.*," said Peter Dille, vice president, marketing, THQ. "Our interactive adaptations of each of these Disney/Pixar properties have been top performers at retail and we look forward to bringing *Finding Nemo* to multiple platforms, alongside the movie, for kids of all ages to enjoy."

THQ will publish two different titles based on the *Finding Nemo* for the Mac/IBM PC, each developed by Know Wonder, an Amaze Entertainment Studio. The first Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo* for the Mac/IBM PC will feature arcade-style gameplay and follow the adventures of Nemo and his marine-life friends. The game will be set in a 3-D underwater environment and allow players to play key movie characters including Nemo, Marlin and Dory, each with varied abilities. Gamers will explore several levels including mini-game and bonus levels.

The second offering of Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo* (working title) for the Mac/IBM PC will be an adventure game featuring mini-games and puzzle challenges involving the film's central characters. Each game will be geared to entertain, challenge, and inspire kids to exercise their creative and critical thinking skills. The games will include puzzles designed to cultivate exploration, cooperation and problem solving. Following the movie's message, the game will help teach children courage, perseverance, trust and the value of coming to the aid of one another.

THQ will also release Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo* for PlayStation®2, Xbox GameCube(TM) and Game Boy® Advance concurrent with the movie. For more information, visit http://www.pixar.com/companyinfo/press_box/news/20030107-99092.htm

information on *Finding Nemo*, or the rest of the THQ videogame lineup, please visit www.THQ.com.

About Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo*

The Academy Award®-winning creators of *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life* and *Monsters, Inc.* take the art and technology of computer animation to a whole new level in this stunning underwater adventure with memorable characters, humor and heartfelt emotion. *Finding Nemo* follows the comedic and eventful journeys of two fish - Marlin and his son Nemo - who become separated in the Great Barrier Reef when Nemo is unexpectedly taken far from home and thrown into a fish tank in a dentist's office overlooking Sydney harbor. Buoyed by the companionship of a friendly-but-forgetful fish named Dory, the overly cautious father embarks on a dangerous trek and finds himself the unlikely hero of an epic journey to rescue his son - who hatches a few daring plans of his own to return safely home. Disney/Pixar's *Finding Nemo* will release in theaters nationwide on May 30, 2003.

About Walt Disney Feature Animation

Walt Disney Feature Animation is a division of The Walt Disney Studios, which has created and produced the most successful animated films of all time. Walt Disney Studios is a unit of The Walt Disney Company (NYSE: DIS), the world's foremost family entertainment company engaged in animated and live action film and television production; cable and broadcast television; theme parks and resorts; character merchandise licensing; consumer products retail and book, magazine and music publishing.

About Pixar Animation Studios

Pixar Animation Studios (Nasdaq: PIXR, www.pixar.com) combines creative and technical artistry to create original stories in the medium of computer animation. Pixar has created four of the most successful and beloved animated films of all time: Academy Award®-winning *Toy Story* (1995); *A Bug's Life* (1998); Golden Globe-winner *Toy Story 2* (1999); and the Academy Award®-winning *Monsters, Inc.* (2001). These four films have earned more than \$1.7 billion at the worldwide box office to date. The Northern California studios' next three film releases are *Finding Nemo* (May 30, 2003), *The Incredibles* (holiday 2004) and *Cars* (holiday 2005).

About Disney Interactive

Disney Interactive, Inc., a worldwide leader in the creation of innovative interactive entertainment, develops, markets and globally distributes a wide variety of interactive family-oriented entertainment, educational and sports CD-ROMs and video games. Disney Interactive is the multimedia arm of The Walt Disney Company's Consumer Products business unit. For more information on Disney Interactive's products, visit www.disneyinteractive.com.

About THQ

THQ Inc. is a leading, worldwide developer and publisher of interactive entertainment software for a variety of hardware platforms including PC CD-ROM, wireless devices, and those manufactured by Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc., Nintendo and Microsoft. The THQ web site is located at www.thq.com. The THQ Wireless site is located at www.thqwireless.com.

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